GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4461
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LOSS TO CIL COAL MINES DUE TO THEFT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is incurring losses due to theft of coal in different coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of theft of coal that came to the notice of the government during each the last three years and till date, coal mine-wise;

(d) whether thousands of regular workers of different coal mines have been kept idle;

(e) if so, whether work is being carried out on contract basis to serve the vested interest of mafia;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government propose to conduct C.B.I. enquiryto find out the role of trade unions, patronage of politicians and the nexus between officers of CIL and mafia; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b) & (c): Theft/pilferage of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely. As such it is not possible to exactly specify the quantity of theft that might have taken place from wagons at the sidings and coal depots.

However, as per raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with state law & order authorities during the last three years, the number of cases of theft of coal detected were:

No. of cases

Company	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
ECL	3106	37	1008 (up to Jan.'01)
BCCL	27	67	17
CCL	16	12	3
NCL	3	1	1
WCL	13	19	17
SECL	2	2	9
MCL	33	54	24
NEC	3	0	-
Total for CIL	3203	192	1079

(d): No, Sir.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise in view of reply to part (e) above.

(g): No investigation into any specific incident of nexus between the officials of coal companies and the miscreants in coal theft is pending in the Ministry of Coal and therefore, no CBI inquiry is proposed. Monthly review meetings with district authorities are being held by the subsidiary companies of CIL for drawing out plans to eliminate the menace and carrying out surprise checks/raids in cooperation with the State Police at sensitive points and lodging of FIRs with the local police. There is a security infrastructure of the subsidiary companies of CIL comprising of personnel belonging to company security, hired private security guards, State armed police/home guards and Central Industrial Security Force, which are entrusted with the security of individual coal mines.

(h): Does not arise in view of the answer to part (g) of the question.